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### TASHUA AND LONG HILL.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gallup are grandparents to a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Edward James of Westbrook.

Miss Charles E. Bray, who is a student at the College of Christian Work, N. Y., is spending Christmas week in Long Hill with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bray.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart are moving this week to Washington, Conn.

A special meeting of the board of directors was held in the gymnasium Wednesday evening. The following officers were appointed: Physical department, Rev. Mr. Pott; educational, Mr. Richardson; religious, Mr. Leslie Whitney; social, Howard Randall.

The engagement of LeGrande G. Bears of Long Hill to Miss Loretta Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Page of 19 Clifford street, is announced.

An entertainment will be given in the gymnasium Jan. 18.

George Jennings and Miss Dorothy of Milford are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Abbott are the grandparents of a daughter, born Monday.

Seventy-five members were added to the Red Cross drive in Long Hill and Tashua. This is considered a large number as nearly half the people had already joined in Bridgeport.

Selections Howard Randall was canvasser and his helpers were Charles Bray, Eleanor Sherman and Ernest Sheehan.

The new Methodist church and the gymnasium are wired for electricity. Mrs. Charles Jennings is confined to her bed with an attack of grip.

Mrs. Charles Bradley of Redding was a Christmas guest of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Jones of Tashua.

Services were held Sunday morning in the new Methodist church for the first time and the bell was rung officially Sunday evening, also for the first.

### Mrs. Arthur Jones of Tashua is

spending a few days in New York city.

The Sunday school room of the new Methodist church was opened Friday evening for the first time. A fine entertainment was given by a magician from Bridgeport.

Paul Schmidt of Tashua is ill at home with the chicken-pox.

Miss Edith Woodruff of New York spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swamy.

A Christmas entertainment was held at the Christ Episcopal church, Tashua, Christmas eve. A beautifully decorated tree was much enjoyed by all.

### Murphy-White Battle

Australian Billy Murphy and Tommy White fought a 32-round draw at San Francisco on Dec. 23, 1912. Just 25 years ago today, Billy had won the world's featherweight title about three years previously by knocking his "Mary Ann" on ice with the Belfast Spider, but soon lost the honor. White, a Chicago lad, never held a title, but he was better than lots of the boys who have been decorated with the belt.

This was not the first meeting between Murphy and White, for the latter had been defeated by Murphy at Chicago in 1910. On another occasion White was in the ring with Murphy, but that time Tommy was referee of a bout between the Australian and Sig Hart in Sioux City. Billy had an idea that he was a great orator, and he always insisted upon addressing the crowds before and after a fight. In the Sioux City fight Murphy put over his famous fight, and then, thinking his opponent was done for, began his oration.

Hart got up, and Murphy was that he didn't hear the bell ring. While he was spouting away, Tommy White counted him out.

John J. Dempsey, who in 1900 was employed as a despatcher for the B. R. T., was made vice president of the company.

## FARMERS ARE SENSITIVE ON FOOD IMPORTS

Problem of Supplying World With Meat and Wheat Is Largely One of Money.

The development of food supplies in nearby countries is a point to be considered. Our farmers are sensitive on this, as they feel already the competition of imported foods. But in a time of scarcity, the working populations must be fed, even if a good deal has to be taken from outside.

South America forms the most considerable, untapped field of the world's possible food supply. There are great spaces just across the Caribbean Sea whose resources are scarcely touched. Vast domains of good farm and grazing land lie idle because of lack of transportation. Cattle could be raised there as they used to be raised in our western states. Vast herds of wild cattle now roam these plains.

The possibilities of South America wheat production are limitless. Argentina is the only country that now exports wheat. Even in Bolivia with all its resources, they have to import 25,000 tons of flour annually to feed themselves. The reason why these resources are not helping to feed our people in this world crisis, is the cost of getting products to the market when they have to be transported over pathless plains on the backs of mules. When railroads are built, a great new supply of food will be produced.

The Canadian wheat fields offer a large chance for expansion. Yet it is not good policy for American farmers to rush across the line. These lands can be had cheap, but the settler has to pay in other ways. Many of these lands are in a very rough state, and require a long working over.

There is land enough on our side of the line to feed our people. It must be made possible for young and ambitious men to hire money at low rates. Farmers should not be compelled to load themselves down with mortgages at 10 per cent interest.

### CHILDREMAN.

This is Childermas Day, on, in the calendar of the Roman Catholic church, the Festival of the Holy Innocents, commemorating the massacre of the children of Bethlehem by the forever infamous King Herod. A pleasant custom long connected with the observance of the day was that of arousing the youngsters of the household on Childermas morning by the application of a stick or lash where it would be most effective. This was expected to impress upon the youthful mind the great good fortune of living in a day and century where the worst that could befall youngsters was a sound whacking, whereas the unhappy children of Bethlehem lost their lives. This custom, owing to the rising intelligence and power of children, died out more than a century ago. It is fortunate that this is so, for the youngsters of this day and century would never "stand for it." In the words of Mr. Ruggles, "It would never do with us."

### COAL SHORTAGE TOTAL

New York, Dec. 21.—Shortage of coal was given by the board of health today as one of the reasons for 13 deaths here by pneumonia within the last 24 hours, the highest record of deaths from this disease in one day in the last five years.

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### PRESIDENT WILSON, 61 TODAY, IS A TYPICAL "CAPRICORN MAN"

President Wilson passes his sixty-first milestone today as a man upon whose decisions the fate of nations depends. Never in the history of the United States, and rarely in the history of the entire world, has mankind in general followed so eagerly the dictates of one man. Upon him, in a great measure, depends war and peace in the world today.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson—for that is the president's full name—was born at Staunton, Va., Dec. 28, 1856, the son of a clergyman. While few intelligent people nowadays have any respect for astrology, it will be generally admitted that he is a typical example of the "Capricorn man," and possesses nearly all of the good qualities attributed by astrologers to men born under this sign. Inspiration and absorption, and devotion to duty are declared to be among the higher attributes of men born during the period ruled by Capricorn, the sea-goat. They are described as high-minded, self-confident, deep thinkers, and good teachers, and are likely to seek distinction in the political world. "They are public spirited, independent, born leaders, with executive temperament, and hold high ideals," says an astrologer. "They are natural leaders of great moment. They resent interference, and never meddle with the affairs of others. They are kind-hearted but undemonstrative, loyal but secretive. They are often impatient with details."

Judging by precedent, President Wilson's birth month was auspicious, as three chief magistrates of the republic have been born in December. The last three and the first four months of the year include the birth-days of all but three of the Presidents of the United States. Two were born in January, three in February, four in March and four in April. May and June are apparently "unlucky" months for Americans with high political ambitions, as not one president has been born in those months. July, August and September each include the birthday of one president. October had four, November four, and December three. The twenty-ninth is the most auspicious day of the month, with three presidents born on that date. Two were born on the fifth, the fifteenth, the twenty-third, the twenty-seventh and the twenty-eighth days of the various months. Not a single president of the United States was ever born on either the first or the last day of the month. A fourth of all the presidents have been born on the twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth or twenty-ninth.

### WHY MEN IN THE TRENCHES BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE LIFE?

Harry Lauder tells in the January American Magazine of his experience in France, and he says:

"I spent many days in the trenches; the rest camps, the hospitals, and in the surrounding towns, and the most definite impression I carried away was one concerning the spiritual atmosphere which surrounds the French and English soldiers in France. I talked with some of the men for hours at a time about their experiences in battle, about their thoughts of home, about their feeling toward the enemy, but the one thing I came away with, above all other impressions, was the conviction that every single one of these men, no matter what manner of lives they had lived before, now possess a calm, clear conviction that if they fall in the thick of the fight, they will pass into the life beyond. "That's why we take such chances," one man told me simply. "Do you

think for a moment that if we thought that life held nothing for us than the earthly body we possess, we would fight with such a confidence and eagerness? We would not be able to, because we would do everything in our power to preserve this life of ours. But seeing men die as I have seen them, I know better than to disbelieve in a future life. And because we have no fear of death, every one of us fling ourselves over the bags and on to the Hun with a fierce, almost savage joy. We are almost Japanese in our fatalism, and because that spirit is sweeping among our men we are going to win this war. We don't believe it possible that men who go into battle, knowing that they are fighting for a righteous cause, and unafraid of death, can be beaten back forever. Some day, at some point, the enemy must weaken, and then we will sweep over the top and nothing will hold us back. We know it just as surely as we know the sun will rise tomorrow."

### MEN AND BEARDS

War has always affected men's personal habits. Some say that men are going to wear beards now. It appears that the French and Italian soldiers all have them. The French officers who have come to this country to give instruction are setting the style to many of our military men.

It will be recalled how quaint the old Civil War pictures looked with all the soldiers wearing beards. The pictures of the French and Italians around the camp fires might have been taken back in '61.

### VIOLATES ANOTHER PROMISE.

London, Dec. 28.—Another proof of the German disregard of promises and agreements has been furnished in the British advance toward Cambrai. Some time ago Germany signed a solemn agreement with Great Britain providing that no prisoners of war would be employed within 19 miles of the front line. But two Russian prisoners were found by the British in German dugouts at Amiens, which was barely four miles from the lines as they lay at the opening of the Cambrai attack. Moreover, these Russians had seen a party of 300 to 400 British prisoners at work near Cambrai, about eight miles from the old front lines.

The Russians told a pitiful story of ill treatment and suffering. They had to subsist under German regulations, on half a pound of bread and some grass soup daily. As punishment for minor offenses they were strung up to poles with their feet just touching the ground. Men were bayoneted or shot for refusal or inability to work, until, from one cause or another, only 260 men remained out of a camp of 500 prisoners.

### Today In Pugilistic Annals.

1914.—Jem. Ward defeated Phil Sampson in 37 rounds at Stony Stratford, England.

1886.—John L. Sullivan and Duncan McDonald fought a four-round draw at Denver.

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### SOCCER GAMES FOR ARMY ENCAMPMENTS

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ments, the proceeds to go to a soldier athletic fund. Paul will donate a service trophy to the winning team. The association, he said, has sent more than 500 soccer footballs to various cantonments. The game is rapidly growing in the army. W. B. Colver, of the Federal Trade Commission testified that the shortage of coal was due to speculation last summer and slow transportation.



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